

WAC 391-15-090 Review of denial of public records. (1) **Petition for internal administrative review of denial of access.** Any person who objects to the initial denial or partial denial of a records request may petition in writing to the public records officer for a review of that decision. The petition must include a copy of or reasonably identify the written statement by the public records officer or designee denying the request.

(2) **Consideration of petition for review.** The public records officer shall promptly provide the petition and any other relevant information to the executive director who will immediately consider the petition and either affirm or reverse the denial within two business days, or a mutually agreed time, following the agency's receipt of the petition.

(3) **Review by the attorney general's office.** Under RCW 42.56.530, if the agency denies a requestor access to public records because it claims the record is exempt in whole or in part from disclosure, the requestor may request the attorney general's office to review the matter under WAC 44-06-160.

(4) **Judicial review.** Any person may obtain court review of denials of public records requests at the conclusion of two business days after the initial denial of the request regardless of any internal administrative appeal.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.52.080, 41.56.090, 41.58.050, 41.59.110, 41.76.060, 41.80.080, 47.64.135, and 49.39.060. WSR 22-23-101, § 391-15-090, filed 11/16/22, effective 1/1/23.]